

City of Lakewood

Report Period 08/09

Assessment of Program Effectiveness

A. Attach a summary of the effectiveness of your storm water management program. This summary should include, at a minimum, the following:

1. An assessment of your agency's compliance with permit requirements, based on your responses to the questions in this form.

The City of Lakewood continues to implement the requirements of Order 01-182 in an effective manner. The City works closely with the County of Los Angeles in ensuring that complaints or spills, if any, are contained, mitigated and investigated in a timely manner.

2. Descriptions of any evaluation methods that your agency uses to determine the effectiveness of your storm water management program.

The City continues to conduct a limited evaluation of the storm water management program on an ongoing basis through the use of staff feedback and from the public. The County of Los Angeles also provides feedback as the City has a contract with the County for various services (i.e. plan check, catch basin maintenance, industrial waste inspections, restaurant inspections, and IC/ID program).

3. A summary of the strengths and weaknesses of your agency's storm water management program.

The main strength of the City's storm water program is the continued coordination between the County of Los Angeles and the City. This cooperation between City staff and the County has assisted in facilitating a cost effective program. Another strength is the support of management to attend community events and functions to promote the program to the residents of Lakewood. A weakness is that additional funding sources (i.e. grants) would help augment the program.

4. A list of specific program highlights and accomplishments.

The continued efforts made by the City and the County of Los Angeles in educating the public on the storm water program have made the education and outreach program very successful. City staff continues to see proof of this by the number of calls received from the general public on reporting conditions that may impact storm water. Additionally, the types of inquiries from the public have become more sophisticated, showing that the general knowledge of the activities that impact storm water has increased.

5. A description of water quality improvements or degradation in your watershed over the past fiscal year.

The City of Lakewood does not have the resources to answer this question. The City relies on the County of Los Angeles to determine improvement or degradation at the watershed level.

6. Interagency coordination between cities to improve the storm water management program.

The City of Lakewood continues to participate in many working groups countywide and assists in committee implementation of the San Gabriel Watershed Committee.

7. Future plans to improve your agency's storm water management program.

The City will continue to install catch basin inserts and/or screens until all 29 City owned catch basins have inserts and/or screens. The City intends to survey and map all catch basins within the City limits, whether they are City owned or not.

8. Suggestions to improve the effectiveness of your program or the County model programs.

The City suggests the continued cooperation between cities and the County of Los Angeles. The sharing of resources and information is cost effective and prevents the duplication of services.

- B. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being full implementation of requirements by their deadlines), rate your municipality's level of compliance with Order No. 01-182.

The City of Lakewood continues to believe it has achieved a rating of "9" and will strive to continue the effort required to maintain this rating. As indicated in this Annual Report, the City owns only 29 catch basins and the County is responsible for the remaining catch basins. However, the City with the permission of the County paid and installed a number of inserts to capture trash and grease/oil in several County owned catch basins.

- C. List any suggestions your agency has for improving program reporting and assessment.

The main suggestion the City would make at this time is in regards to the Annual Report form. Since Lakewood is a contract city, a number of the permit and annual report requirements are the sole responsibility of the County of Los Angeles. The forms for the City and other contract cities should be streamlined to include only what the City needs to provide and complete.